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## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), intend to proceed with an interchange modification project at the intersection of I-469 and US 24 near the town of New Haven, Allen County, Indiana. INDOT will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the New Haven High School, in the Auditoria, 1300 Green Street, New Haven, Indiana 46774.** The hearing will offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the current design plans for the proposed interchange improvement. The doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. in order to view displays and talk to the representatives prior to the start of the hearing.

The US 24 New Haven, Indiana to Defiance, Ohio Corridor Project (Fort to Port) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) were approved by FHWA on October 26, 2005 and December 9, 2005, respectively. In 2002, during the National Environmental Policy Act process for the Fort to Port Project, INDOT recommended the existing I-469 and US 24 interchange should be upgraded to a full and free flowing interchange. Nineteen conceptual alternatives were developed and evaluated for this interchange. Through a screening process and agency coordination, three feasible interchange configurations were identified. Environmental analyses conducted on those three feasible alternatives included noise studies, as well as, ecological, land use, and community impacts. A modified version of one of these alternatives was selected as the preferred alternative. These refinements would meet the Purpose and Need of the project while making the alternative more cost effective. The result of this effort identified Alternative 4a as the preferred alternative for the proposed construction. Alternative 4a would utilize the existing loop ramps in the northeast and southeast quadrants of I-469 and US 24. The US 24 westbound to I-469 southbound movement would be accommodated by crossing US 24 and I-469 with two structures. The I-469 northbound to eastbound US 24 ramp would stay west of the electric substation in the southeast quadrant of the I-469 and US 24 interchange, avoiding any effect to the substation.

The proposed project will require 28.84 acres of right-of-way. Also there are three anticipated residential relocations; two are located in the southeast quadrant one in the northeast quadrant of the proposed interchange.

The maintenance of traffic will be divided into three phases of which all traffic will be shifted between I-469 northbound and southbound lanes to accommodate two lanes of traffic on I-469. Traffic will be shifted on US 24 to accommodate construction of the I-469 southbound to US 24 westbound, and the I-469 northbound to US 24 westbound ramps. School corporations and emergency services will be notified prior to any construction that would block or limit access.

An Additional Information (AI) environmental document, including the alternatives screening and evaluations; and preliminary design plans are available to view prior to the public hearing at the following locations:

1. Allen County Public Library, 648 Green St., New Haven, IN 46774. Phone # (260) 421-1345
2. Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District Office, 5333 Hatfield Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808. Customer Service # 1-866-227-3555
3. Hearings Examiner, Indiana Government Center North, N642, 100 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216. Phone # (317) 234-0796

Public statements for the record will be taken as part of the public hearing procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two (2) weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments in regard to the project may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to: INDOT Public Hearings, IGCN Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

With advance notice, INDOT can provide special accommodation for persons with disabilities and/or limited English speaking ability and persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodation be needed please contact Rickie Clark, Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601, or email [rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov) preferably by Tuesday, May 3, 2017.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary.", approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012. INDOT, Public Hearings Manager, Rickie Clark, Phone # (317) 232-6601, email: [rclark@indot.IN.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.IN.gov)